

Mary L. Blood Library Trustees' Meeting
APRIL 20, 2017

Present: Trustees Tom Kenyon, Richard Beatty, Mary-Anne Boyce, Edson Pierce, Chris Wagner and Librarian Mary Jane Wentworth

Meeting commenced at 4:02 pm.

Minutes of March 16, 2017, were considered and accepted.

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With thanks to Mary Anne Boyce, we now have a magazine rack. It was ordered from American Office Solutions Inc. in Westbury, NY at a price of \$224 plus \$45 shipping. The medium oak finish rack has 20 pockets and is free standing. (It is wired to the bookcase behind it so it won't tip over.)

On March 21st Mary Anne and I visited Tony at the Reading Public Library to inquire about their system of automation. RPL belongs to the Catamount Consortium as does Springfield, Rutland, Ludlow and 11 others. RPL uses the KOHA system under CC. Cost to join is \$500 and membership dues \$500 annually (once all books are updated). They have 4 bar code scanners at an average cost of \$150-200, 1 desktop and 1 laptop computers. Volunteers bring their own laptops and use the RPL scanners. We would need bar codes for books and bar codes for patrons. Our library has between 4000-5000 books. Each book takes from 3 to 15 minutes to process. Tony also advised us to cull books if necessary before we start the process.

Mary Anne submitted a report of her visit to the Tucker Free Library in Henniker, NH. They have a collection of 6000-8000 books and use the Apollo system which uses bar codes for both the collections and patrons. Books may be reserved or requested online or in person. The electronic catalog offers patrons the ability to keep track of what they have read and borrowed from the library and it also sends email reminders that a book or DVD borrowed is due. Biblionix/Apollo costs \$800 per year (first year \$1200).

Library World and AutoGraphics/VERSO are other systems available. We received a memo from Tom McMurdo, Collections & Digital Initiatives Librarian at the Vermont Department of Libraries saying the AutoGraphic's VERSO system will be open to libraries to join. The VDL is offering public libraries in Vermont who currently have non-Z39.50 compliant systems that are interested in joining this shared catalog a grant for \$3050 that will cover migration costs of \$2400 and the first years' fee of \$650. Non-Z39.50 compliant systems include Library World and similar systems. This offer is also extended to unautomated public libraries in Vermont.

I have ordered and received new ink cartridges for the printer. Our subscription to the Library Journal needs to be renewed. We have had the usual number of people come in to the library. The Trust for Public Land has requested meeting space here on May 25th.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Jane Wentworth

Old Business:

- (1) Trustees considered renewal of the subscription of the Library Journal. The Librarian stated Tony (our previous librarian) strongly recommended we continue getting the Journal. Board voted to approve the subscription.
- (2) Board looked over the new magazine rack and were extremely pleased. Edson Pierce and Dick Beatty, together, volunteered to fund a second rack. Board accepted their offer. Treasurer Cathy Archibald to coordinate the purchase.
- (3) Tom again noted Corrections will be here when we have better weather. (2) Tom again stated the Rest Room project is still set to commence with Corrections along with Dave Silvester, A & T Plumbing is also set to start when appropriate. Tom noted Correction's Project Coordinator Paul at Corrections is retiring but all should go well with his replacement. (3) Chris again stated the fundraising letter will go out around May 1st. (4) Tom did not have an update on the library's financials but no great change since the last report. (5) Board discussed again the proposed "Automation of our books" and the Librarian and Trustee Mary Anne Boyce will continue their investigation and come back with a recommendation. (6) Board was updated on the Book Sale on July 4 as part of Old Home Day celebration. The book sale would be held outside the library from around 9:00 a.m. until after the parade. Volunteers to assist. Board did not decide if we will have lemonade at the Old Home Day book sale. Tom noted the music wagon will be on the lawn south of the library. (7) Tom has the clock running again. Mary Jane to pull the clock's chain on both of the days she is in the building.

New Business:

- (1) Trustees observed the removal of the Sykes' store building to the south of the library along with the porch on the buildings west wing. It was thought those additions were part of the original 1832 construction of the inn. (2) Board discussed impact of ACT 46 on our town and school and how it might effect our library. It was noted if the school closes there might not be a library in the school building.
 - (3) Next meeting is at 4 pm at MLB Library on Thursday, May 18th, 2017.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:58.

Tom Kenyon, Secretary